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BRYAN SUE BY MOVIE MAN; WANTS \$12,000 FOR NONAPPEARANCE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17.—George B. Dalton of Cedar, Missouri, has filed suit in the Cook county circuit court in Chicago against William Jennings Bryan, former presidential candidate, secretary of state and prohibition advocate. The suit is for an accounting in transactions between Dalton and Bryan, growing out of the proposed prohibition cinematograph, "Throughout the Ages." Dalton also seeks in the suit to restrain Bryan from making any use of money furnished by him.

Dalton says in his petition that he has suffered actual loss of \$12,000 spent by him in promoting the enterprise and that he has devoted four years of his time to the production.

In the petition, he says that in 1910 he originated a project for the production of a motion picture as an argument for prohibition. The picture to be a dramatization of certain lectures by Bryan on the subject of total abstinence, in which Bryan was to appear personally.

The matter was first presented to Bryan June 20, 1910, Dalton says, and on November 30 an agreement was entered into by which Dalton was to devote his time to promoting the picture and was to act as its promoter and to act as its promoter and to act as its promoter.

Dalton declares he entered upon the performance of his obligations, but that Bryan refused to carry out his obligations and demanded a modification of the agreement whereby Bryan should have a share of the proceeds. The agreement, he says, was then modified to stipulate that Bryan should have 20 per cent of the net profits for his services as an actor. A provision for dividing 30 per cent to the prohibition cause was discarded, together with the plan for naming a commission to direct the expenditure of the money.

Subsequently, according to Dalton, Bryan failed and refused to permit the financing of the picture as a commercial proposition, and demanded 37 1/2 per cent of the net profits, instead of the 20 per cent, as his share. The contract was changed so as to give him the 37 1/2 per cent.

About March 7, 1915, it is alleged, Bryan proposed to Dalton that the production of the picture be financed by Edward F. Galt of St. Louis. This financing, Dalton understood from Bryan, was contingent on Galt's ability to obtain the money. Dalton says he refused to agree to this plan and insisted on the carrying out of the terms of the agreement.

THE TEMPERATURE was the highest temperature today and 70 was the lowest. The weather indications show no change, although brisk breezes were prevalent during the early afternoon. Recent rains have done a world of good to the country hereabouts.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN



Government Control of R. R. Endorsed by A. F. of L.

MONTEREAL, June 17.—Government ownership with domestic operation of American railroads was today endorsed by the American Federation of Labor convention after a bitter fight. The roll call showed government ownership was endorsed by a vote of 29,000 to 8,540.

Disorder interrupted the roll call several times, when delegates from various crafts were divided on their votes.

Charges of "steam roller" tactics were hurled at the chairman by James Duncan of Seattle and others when the chair denied the right of a roll call in delegations that split on the question.

Applause and boos and hisses alternately greeted delegation votes. The building trades delegations presented almost a solid front against government ownership, supporting Samuel Gompers and the administration forces.

Two Columbus Boys Run Away; Arrested at Douglas

Refugio Beto and Jose Riga, two Mexican boys of about fourteen in this city, decided to see the world, and a few days ago ran away from their homes. They were apprehended in Douglas, Arizona, and locked up. Deputy Clarence Rogers returned from Douglas last night with the boys.

Neatly Furniture Man.

A bride and groom were buying their furniture. "Is this a good bed?" asked the groom. "Yes, sir," responded the clerk. "We stand behind every bed we sell." "Oh, my," whispered the bride to the groom, "we don't want to buy a bed here." —Tishomingo (Okla.) Capital Democrat.

The agreement, under which he Dalton, was to provide for financing the picture.

June 23, 1915, it is stated, Dalton copyrighted his scenario. Bryan, he declares, has since failed and refused to permit Dalton to promote the production; has failed and refused to appear in it and has threatened to appropriate Dalton's copyrighted idea and to produce the picture in violation of Dalton's rights under the copyright.

ELWELL MURDER CASE IS MOST DAFFLING OF ALL

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 17.—Telephone conversations were established between the home of Joseph H. Elwell, sportswriter, and William H. Pennington, said to be Elwell's closest friend, who lives in a suburb during the early hours of the morning Elwell was murdered.

This was the only new development in the case, which the New York police have declared to be the most baffling they ever have undertaken to solve.

Efforts were being made, it was said, to communicate with Pennington.

Nothing was made public today of the report concerning the detection sent to Lexington, Kentucky, Tuesday with the hope of establishing some motive for the murder.

A deputy district attorney said detectives had been sent to places outside of New York besides to Kentucky.

Officer Goes on Trial For Death of Mexicans

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 17.—Captain J. F. Yancey, Gov. D. S. A., went on trial before a military court-martial at Fort Sam Houston June 14 on charges in connection with the killing of four Mexicans whom he had taken as prisoners. The trial of Captain Yancey is a result of the punitive expedition into Mexico last August when as a major Captain Yancey led troops of the Fifth and Eleventh cavalry regiments across the border in pursuit of Jose Renteria, bandit chief, who had captured and held for ransom Second Lieutenant P. H. Davis and Second Lieutenant R. G. Peterson, both of the air service.

Witnesses for the prosecution examined June 15 included Captain Leonard F. Matlock and Captain J. A. Caldwell, both of the Eleventh Cavalry, and a number of noncommissioned officers.

It is charged the four prisoners were turned over to four civilians, some of them said to be Texans, by Captain Yancey, and that the Mexicans were shot to death by the civilians. The captain is also charged with making false reports to his superior officers.

24th Infantry Ball Club To Play at El Paso

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at El Grande Park, El Paso district baseball fans will witness the first 24th Infantry regimental baseball team in action against an all-star district team for premier honors of this section.

Led by Lieutenant White, the 24th Infantry team returned to El Paso Tuesday from Fort Sam Houston, where it contested for the supremacy of the Southern Department. It lost but one game, this being to the 10th Cavalry 24th Infantry combination, which won the title of the department. The 24th Infantry team showed unexpected hitting strength during the tournament and were named out for departmental honors only by a slight margin.

Lieutenant W. H. "Bill" McCall, 24th Infantry district officer, has been busy engaged for the past few days in the work of organizing the El Paso district team to oppose the visitors. It is probable that the same strong lineup which last Saturday afternoon defeated the Zuni Supply team will face the 24th Infantry. The series will continue through the three days and the district championship will be awarded to the winning team.

5000 TROOPS ON WAY TO JOIN GENERAL AMARO

General Guadalupe with 5000 federal troops was to leave Mexico City Friday for the north to join General Joaquin Amaro, according to news received in Juarez Wednesday. In addition a mixed brigade in command of General Manuel Medina Yriza and Alexander Jose Quintanilla will be sent to join General Amaro. Four aeroplanes, under the charge of Captain Carlos Santana, will also be sent to aid in the campaign from the school of aviation in Mexico City.

An English novelty is a shopping basket mounted on two wheels.

FACTS LEADING UP TO THE DRILLING FOR OIL AT VALLEY WELL

Many inquiries have been made of the Daily Courier as to why the Valley Oil Company was organized to drill for oil in its present location and while the story is old news to the pluckers there are many newcomers who are curious.

This much-needed question was answered from one person to another until the reporter finally located the log of Columbus first oil well. The log is in possession of L. M. Carl and the facts as set forth prove that there was and is oil at or near the present location of the Valley oil well.

Some years ago J. S. Anderson, now deceased, a householder, wanted a water well on his place and proceeded to drill one. The site of his well is 150 feet from the present Valley well.

At a depth of 45 feet the driller encountered salt water and at 200 feet better water was found but not enough for irrigation purposes, and it was decided to keep on drilling.

At 550 feet a seepage of oil was discovered. At 200 feet the driller encountered rock shale and 2 feet farther down sandstone and blue clay were encountered, and at 500 feet they ran into white soft clay and black sand.

And at this depth OIL WAS DISCOVERED.

Two 10-gallon lead cans were filled with oil taken from this well. The well was not drilled straight and the hole was plugged.

The surrounding lands had not been plowed up at this time and the more or less regular as to why this particular hole was not drilled further or "shot" for oil may be explained for the foregoing reasons.

This plugged well is still there and the facts as herein described are verified.

Millionaire Found Wounded; Refuses All Explanations

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, June 17.—C. E. Essig, president of a commercial broker age firm, is in a hospital today with two bullet wounds in his breast and in a serious condition. He was wounded Monday, a member of his family finding him lying in a bath room when they returned home. They wouldn't comment on how the broker was wounded. No report was made to the police. Essig is 40 years and reputed to be a multimillionaire.

PESQUEIRA TO ASK FOR 100 GUARDS TO PATROL BORDER

A force of 1000 fiscal guards in the state of Chihuahua to patrol the border in order to prevent the smuggling of contraband goods from Mexico to the United States and from the United States to Mexico will be recommended to the Mexican government by Roberto V. Pesqueira, fiscal agent with headquarters in El Paso, who left Wednesday night for Mexico City.

"I intend to urge the establishment of a force of fiscal guards of at least a thousand men similar to the force of fiscal guards in Sonora," Pesqueira said before leaving. "There are 500 in the state of Sonora and I think that a thousand will be needed along the border in Chihuahua."

Pesqueira will also urge the abrogation of the 22 1/2 per cent tax on imports. Another measure he will urge is the raising of salaries of consular employees at least 50 per cent and the elimination of much red tape in the transaction of consular business.

TO CUT VILLA OFF FROM AMMUNITION

A force of 500 soldiers has been sent by General Joaquin Amaro from Santa Rosalia to prevent Villa from obtaining ammunition. Amaro is at Palomas, according to information received at Juarez Wednesday. Villa is still believed to be east of the Mexican Central railroad but no authentic news of his whereabouts was received at Juarez at a late hour Wednesday.

W. C. McADOO



Harding Noncommittal About "Seeing" Johnson

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio today formally announced his campaign as Republican presidential candidate would not be a personal affair; that suit and advice of every Republican leader would be sought, he declared this to be his policy not only during the campaign but later should he be elected president.

"I will see every Republican, all Republicans look alike to me," he said. Asked if he had seen Senator Johnson of California, Senator Harding said:

"I hope to see all my colleagues. Our relations always have been very cordial."

Treasurer Guarantees \$1 Aa Ounce for Silver

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 17.—As a result of arrangements made by the Treasury department to purchase silver from domestic producers under the terms of the Pittman act, on the basis of a dollar an ounce, dealers in that metal changed their form quotation to the differential between the United States and foreign metal. Domestic silver is quoted at 90 cents an ounce with foreign at 80 cents, the latter quotation being based on the London equivalent.

After Coal Profiters; Att. Gen. Palmer Orders

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 17.—A drive on the profiteers in bituminous coal was today ordered by Attorney General F. Mitchell Palmer.

All federal district attorneys were ordered to give special attention to charges of such profiteering and to seek indictments where investigation

There is raising sugar cane on more than 100,000 acres of land, the estimate permitting cane to be produced and cut the year around.

Two coal companies are now operating close to Indian ridge, near Garrettsburg, N. H.

FIGHT TO BE MADE ON M'ADOO AT THE S. F. CONVENTION

FRENCH LUR, Ind., June 17.—The opening of the Democratic national convention at San Francisco will witness an anti-Wilson attack with the object of eliminating the president from party councils, according to indications given at the Democratic conference which is under way here.

W. C. McAdoo will be the center of the attack, since the anti-Wilsonites are determined to defeat the presidential aspirations of President Wilson's son-in-law and nominate a candidate who is opposed to the administration.

Governor James M. Cox of Ohio is at present the strongest of these entrants, while Governor Smith of New York and Herbert Hoover are mentioned as possibilities.

There also will be an attack upon William J. Bryan, through a "personal liberty" plank which probably will find expression in party commitment to state's rights in prohibition enforcement and some abrogation of the Volstead enforcement act to permit consumption of light wines and beer.

The conference here has developed that there is some continued opposition to any plan for an open declaration on the issue of railroads and a move will be made to disavow President Wilson's league and underwrite the league with reservations, if the first plan is defeated.

Opposition to Bryan which will bring the prohibition question to the fore at the convention will be led by delegations from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. At the present time Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida and Alabama have adopted an "on the fence" attitude and the west gives indication of developing the chief prohibition strength. It was said that Yammoney will play an important role in the fight against prohibition.

Sufficient strength opposed to the league of nations will be developed at the convention, it was said, to make necessary a compromise by elimination of representatives, and this is counted on to eliminate McAdoo. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, spokesman for President Wilson, will come in for a share of this attack along with McAdoo.

Complications in alignment will result through the compromise of these fights. It is foreseen, says Wilson men are expected to join with the independent Democrats in the anti-Bryan fight, while Bryan is expected to cooperate with the independents in the campaign against Wilson.

E. P. & S. W. WILL NOT MAKE HOLIDAY RATES

Garrett King, general passenger agent for the El Paso and Southern western, announced Wednesday that it will be the policy of that company not to issue reduced rates on holidays, owing to the extremely heavy travel and lack of equipment. This was the rule while the railroads were under federal control, and will be continued for the present.

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TONIGHT

Carl Laemmle

PRESENTS

Mae Murray

IN

A UNIVERSAL SPECIAL ATTRACTION

"The Delicious Little Devil"

COLUMBUS THEATER

TONIGHT

Tiger Girl!

PRESENTING

Lillian Gish

A TRIANGLE PLAY